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4. Mr. Brown, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, told me that he had just attended a hearing before Senator Welker on the subject of the sale by the United States of a steel mill to the Argentine. There had been newspaper reports that the sale might not be bona fide, and was merely a method of reselling the mill to Czechoslovakia where it had originally been destined to go. State assured the Senator that this was not the intent, and that the Argentine Government had agreed not to resell it. However, Senator Welker continually asked State whether they had consulted with CIA, whether CIA had any information which would indicate a possible resale, and ordered them to recheck with CIA to get our views on the matter.

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